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Save Water This Summer - Join Tucson's Water Corps

During the summer months, water use in Tucson rises to twice what we use in the winter. Most of this extra demand comes in the form of irrigation and other outdoor water uses. Fortunately, most of us can control the amount of water we use outdoors and reduce our use of our most precious resource. If everyone in Tucson saved even one gallon per day, we'd save more than 67 million gallons in just one summer. That's enough water to serve 200 families for an entire year.

Every little bit helps. That's the reason Pete is asking you to join Tucson's Water Corps. Anyone can join. All it takes is a commitment to use water wisely and not to waste a drop. The more of us who save a little water here and there, the better off our community will be.

Here Are Some Ways That You Can Contribute To The Corps By Saving Water Outdoors

Save Under the Stars - Irrigate at night or in the cool of the early morning.

Limit Your Lawn - Desert landscaping uses 15 gallons per square foot less than grass.

Reduce Your Use - Irrigate at least one less time per month than last summer.

Catch Rain on Your Roof - Store it and use it for dry times.

Sweep Your Sidewalk - A hose uses 10 gallons a minute. A broom uses 0.

Watch for Waste - Report water waste to (520) 791-2MAD.

Tucson Water Sponsors A Number Of Programs To Help You Learn To Use Water Wisely

The Zanjero Program

You can request a trained Water Conservation Specialist to come to your home and evaluate your water use. The Zanjeros, named after the community water managers of 19th century Tucson, will look for leaks, check water flow rates, and give you the information you need to lower your water use and lower your water bill. Call (520) 791-4556 for more information or to schedule a visit.

The Water Information Van

The Water Info Van travels all over our community sharing water conservation information and a wide variety of other water information. It appears at schools, community events, neighborhood meetings, and makes other special appearances. Call (520) 791-4556 for more information.

Water Smart Workshops

On selected Saturdays throughout the year, Tucson Water sponsors these free landscaping workshops designed to give you "hands-on" experience in designing and maintaining a low water use landscape. Call (520) 791-4331 for the schedule of upcoming workshops.

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